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SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" Chief Minister గాని, మదరాసు ప్రభుత్వముగాని, ఇద్దరిలో ఎవరైనాగాని ఏమైనా recommend చేశారా అని అడుగుతున్నాను ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" As I said already, my private conversations have not been recorded even in my own mind properly. I cannot be vouchsafing for them. The Government of Madras or the Chief Minister as such has made no recommendation on any of these matters at any time."

Alleged harassment by officials in collecting arrears of rent in Tekkali taluk, Srikakulam district.

* 159-C Q.—SRI M. VEERABHADRAM (on behalf of Sri K. Govinda Rao) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether telegrams and petitions are being received daily by the Government complaining about harassment of the Government officials in making forcible attachments of property like seed, utensils and agricultural implements for collection of arrears of rent for six faslis at one stroke in grain rent villages of Tekkali taluk, Srikakulam district ; and

(*b*) if so, what the Government propose to do in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Certain telegrams and representations on behalf of the estate ryots of Srikakulam district particularly Tekkali taluk were received by the Government recently stating that the collection of arrears of rent was causing hardship to them and requesting that the collection might be stopped. The Government have issued orders that attachments for arrears should be lifted, that demand should be confined to arrears of one fasli at present and that demand for arrears of one more fasli should be made in June-July after summer crop is harvested."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" ఈ orders ఏ తారీఖున పంపించారో చెప్పగలరా ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The demand for the collection of rent was made about 10 or 12 days ago, I think."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" అయ్యా, ఇదివరకు allotment లేని కారణంగా ఋణాలు ఇంతవరకూ ఇవ్వకుండా, ఇటీవలనే అవి sanction అయి ఇప్పుడే ఋణాలు ఇస్తున్నారు. అందులోకూడా, మార్చిలో ఆ ఋణాలు రైతులు చెల్లించవలెనని ఒక condition కూడ పెట్టారు. అసలు ఋణాలు ఇవ్వడమే ఈ నెలలో జరుగుతూయుంటే, మరీ ఇదే నెలలోనే వాటిని చెల్లించడమంటే అది ఎంత న్యాయంగా ఉందో ఆలోచించవలసిందని కోరుతున్నాను. కనుక, ఈ నిబంధనను మార్చడానికి ప్రభుత్వము ప్రయత్నముచేస్తారా."

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The demand was made for the collection of rent for about six years; but now the collection is to be made for only one year."

'Harijan Day'.

* 106 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the 'Harijan Day' is still observed in the districts;

(*b*) if not the reasons why it is not observed; and

(*c*) the objects of observing the 'Harijan Day'?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Does not arise.

" (*c*) The object of the celebration of the Harijan Day is mainly for doing propaganda work to arouse the enthusiasm of the people to serve the Harijan brothers in the matter of removal of untouchability and the other disabilities to which the Harijans are at present subject."

SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO :—" Sir, are the Government satisfied that sufficient co-operation and encouragement in this regard is coming forth from the Caste Hindus and the members of the Harijan Welfare Committees? If it is not so, do the Government propose to take steps to secure such co-operation?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I have already stated, success largely depends upon public co-operation from all sides. We will work for it."

SRI G. NAGABHUSHANAM :—" Sir, are the Government aware that the Harijan Day is not at all celebrated in the Bellary district and there is no co-operation between the Bellary District Harijan Sevak Sangh and the officials?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I cannot endorse the statement that it is not at all celebrated in Bellary. However, I shall look into the matter."

SRI G. NAGABHUSHANAM :—" As the Joint Secretary of the Bellary District Harijan Sevak Sangh, I say that no meetings are held in Bellary district because the officials are not at all co-operating in the matter. So, will the Hon. Minister take steps to see that the Government officials take a real and genuine interest in the welfare of Harijans?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" It shall be done, Sir."

8-40 a.m. SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that the Harijan Day is celebrated as a nominal show where not more than half a dozen people are present?"